(a) to (d) A draft scheme for giving effect to the provisions of article 371(2) of the Constitution was received from the Government of Maharashtra in February, 1989. It comprised of a draft order to be made by the President under the said provisions and a draft order to be issued by the Governor in pursuance thereof, providing *inter-alia* for the establishment of Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra. After examination, the Government of Maharashtra have been requested to consider recasting the Governor's order keeping in view the requirements of the State and the legal opinion.

Closing of Central Rengers' Training College, Chandrapur

2925. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is is a fact that the Central Rangers' Training College of Chandrapur (Maharashtra) is going to be closed from February, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the staff working in the College would be given alternative jobs; and

(d) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur is going to be closed from 31st March, 1990 as a result of decision of Government of India to hand over the responsibility of the training of forest rangers to the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The staff working in the college at present will be suitably absorbed in Control|State Governments.

Deputation from Army to Assam Rifles

2926. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of identical representations have been received from Jawans and officers of Assam Rifles protesting against the system of deputation from Army to Assam Rifles and demanding to end this system; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Representations, purporting to be from Jawans and officers of Assam Rifles have been received.

(b) The system of deputation of army officers in the Assam Rifles was introduced by the Government at the time of creation of Assam Rifles with a view to meeting the special situation prevailing in the North—East, where the Assam Rifles functions under the operational control of the Army. The Government considers it necessary to continue the system of deputation of army officers in Assam Rifles for operational reasons, whereby the Assam Rifles is officered by a mix of cardre officers and by army officers on deputation.

Letter sent by the Animal Husbandry Employees' Union, Port Blair

2927. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter dated the 15th July, 1989 has been received by him from the Animal Husbandry Employees' Union, Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands); and

(b) if so, what are the demands put forward therein and the action taken by Government thereon?